New Hanover County School

School Mental Health Committee Meeting Record

June 17, 2013

**PRESENT**: Lisa Burriss, Susan Cole, Amy Horgan, Donna Lynn Pleasants and Bill Trant

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Amy reported that Coastal Care (CC) has filled the Carteret System of Care position. The position has been filled by Karen Reaves.
* The Health Department has hired two new therapists: Eric Spencer and Trey Willis. They will fill the split Gregory and Virgo position and the Blair position respectively.
* Donna Lynn mentioned that long-time school-based therapist Ed Tilly will retire at the end of June. He will be replaced by Matt Barker and Yolanda Blount-Wood on the Judicial Attendance Council (JAC).
* Susan Cole will assume interim duties as the convener of the School Mental Health Committee.
* [House Bill 831](http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H831v1.pdf) – Educational Services for Children in PRTFs has been introduced to address the dilemma of educational services for students in private residential treatment facilities. So far there has been little of no action on the bill since April 30.
* The Health Department will be presenting information about the School Mental Health program to the NH Board of Education on July 2.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

* Learning Perspectives Inc. has requested reducing the schools it serves to six. Virgo has requested services from the SMH program and will be added as a Health Department school. An RFP is needed to attract coverage for 6 schools including: Roland Grise, Eaton, Forest Hills, Freeman, Ogden and Williams.
* Lisa reported that the NHCS Crisis Plan will be strengthened to add a mental health component and hopefully will get attention through the “School Safety” professional development for 13-14.
* Kristin was not able to move ahead on the he mental health education grant.
* After considerable discussion on the gaps and communication issues Mobile Crisis Unit and Coast Horizon Crisis line, some changes will be explored within the CC contract with RHA, NHCS suicide protocol and the Health Department after-hours referral.
* The Service Gap #2 Action Plan was updated and posted on the Wiki by Amy.

**NEXT STEPS**

* Susan and Lisa will ask Judy Stubblefield and Beau McCaffray to provide the SMH committee with information about performance of the ISS program in 12-13 at the September 2013 meeting.
* Lisa will manage the RFP process on school-based therapy services for 13-14 for 6 schools.
* Susan will recruit some new members from our existing mental health partners.
* Susan will convene the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**September 16, 2013**

**9:00 – 11:00**

**Spencer 102**